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Annapolis Environmental Commission

August 7, 2013

The Annapolis Environmental Commission (AEC) held its regular meeting on August 7, 2013 at 145 Gorman Street, Conference Room 3. **Due to lack of a quorum, the AEC did not vote on any of the agenda items noted below.** Chair Weber opened the **discussion** at 7:05p.m.

Present: Chair Weber, Zolper, Kiraly

Absent: Vice Chair Kissel, O'Leary, Butler, Pogell, Dr. Riegel

Staff Present: Beard

II. July 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The AEC deferred the voting on the July 3, 2013 meeting minutes its September 4, 2013 meeting.

III. REGULAR BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Development Review

Chair Weber explained that the AEC has five subcommittees or working groups that Ms. Kiraly could consider participating in specifying, noting that the Recycling subcommittee has a vacant seat with the departure of Dr. Chris Patrick. Ms. Kiraly expressed an interest in serving on the Development Review subcommittee but was agreeable to also serve on the Recycling subcommittee as well if needed. She briefly discussed her background as an Environmental Biologist and Marine Scientists as well as some involvement in wetlands. Mr. Zolper agreed to switch from the Development Review subcommittee to the Recycling subcommittee.

Crystal Springs

Ms. Kiraly has been interested in the Crystal Springs project and has collected information and documentation on the project. She also attended the public hearing held at Hillsmere but would like more information on AEC's involvement in the project. Chair Weber indicated that the AEC has reviewed the project's preliminary Forest Conservation Plan and associated documents and several of the Forest Stand Delineations. He noted that the Mayor had encouraged the AEC to discuss the project with the developers prior to them formally submitting any application. Based on data analyses and a number of site visits, AEC identified the highest and second highest priority natural resources for preservation on the site, and optimal locations for reforestation to mitigate any tree clearing. This map is available on the AEC web site. However, the developers were unwilling to move the proposed CCRC building, which is placed amidst the highest quality forest on site, wetlands, and headwaters (via wetlands and ephemeral drainages) to Crab Creek, and wanted to stick to 25 foot wetland buffers, which are insufficient to protect wetland hydrology, vegetation, soils, and wildlife. Chair Weber noted that the Mayor indicated that the City will conduct an independent analysis of the wetlands hydrology. Mr. Zolper asked if the independent analysis of the Crystal Springs wetlands site had been completed and if so what is the status? Ms. Beard agreed to check on the status to report back.

Chair Weber referred members to the written status reports from DNEP and gave a brief status of the Reserve at Quiet Waters appeal as well as the Milkshake Lane project.

2. Recycling

There was no report on this agenda item

3. Outreach

There was no report on this agenda item. **Chair** Weber noted that the AEC will follow the same schedule for the newsletter deployment as noted at the previous meeting and members were encouraged to submit any content they may have to Mr. O'Leary prior to the newsletter deployment.

4. Water Quality/Stormwater

There was no report on this agenda item.

B. DNEP Report

Ms. Beard reported that two businesses were certified under the stewardship certification program. DNEP is almost at certification on the backyard habitat under the National Wildlife Federation. **Chair** Weber asked about the status of the stream restoration project. Ms. Beard agreed to check into the status and report back.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Appointments to Fill Vacancies

Chair Weber reported that there is still one vacancy and at least two candidates have applied.

B. Ordinance #O-21-13

The AEC deferred the discussion on Ordinance O-21-13 to its September 4, 2013 meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next AEC meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2013 at 7:00pm at 145 Gorman Street. **Chair** Weber closed the discussion at 7:43pm.

Tami Hook, Recorder